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Like you I always wanted to be able to play the Electric Guitar, but never had the chance. The thought of lessons and learning to read music always put me off, as all I wanted to do was to be able to crank out the opening Riffs of my favorite tracks

Two years ago, on my birthday I took the plunge and bought myself a White Flying V and little Marshall Amp. Everyone thought I'd gone a bit mad, but by looking things up on line, slowly but surely I began to work it all out. By cutting through a lot of the "Theory and Mysticism", I was able to narrow it down to the 3 key areas which allowed me to skip a lot of what I didn't want to know and get straight down to playing those Classic Riffs. Two years on, and by practicing for just an hour a week, I can now play all my favorite riffs to varying degrees and whilst I'll never be a Michael Schenker or Ritchie Blackmore, being able to play the "The Boys are Back In Town" and "Hells Bells" is just Heaven

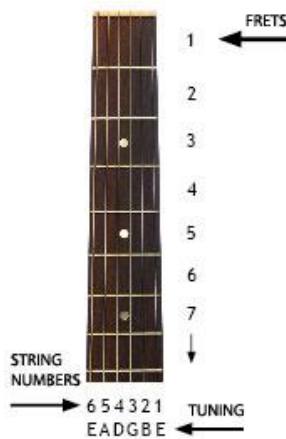
If this is what you'd like to do, then read through the 3 Simple Steps I've detailed below and you'll be amazed at how straightforward it is and what you can achieve with a bit a patience, practice and perseverance

Step 1 - Map Your Guitar

To understand your Guitar you need to be able to see where to put your fingers to play the correct notes

The easiest way to do this is to buy a pack of White Sticky Dots from your local stationers and write the numbers 1 to 24 on them. Then stick these on the side of the Neck of your Guitar, starting with the 1 at the Head and working down Fret space by Fret space, so each Fret now has a number and you can clearly see what number it is, as in the left photo below

Now take 6 dots and write E A D G B e on them, as these are the names of the Guitar Strings. Next using a pair of tweezers stick each one, in this order, underneath its corresponding String (E is the Thickest and e is the Thinnest) on the neck as in the photo on the right below.



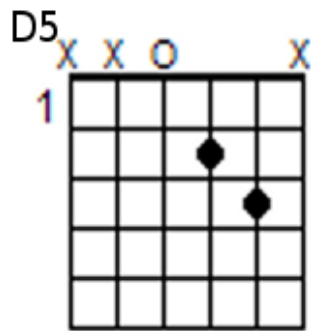
You don't have to do this at every Fret as in the picture. I found that doing this at Number 2 and 8 Fret on the Guitar Neck and between the Pick Up's was best and means that at a glance, you can easily see what the name and number of each String and Fret is



Step 2 - Learn 3 Simple Power Chords

A Power Chord is 2 or 3 notes played together at the same time. When played together in a sequence with other Power Chords they create a Rhythm or “Riff”

Power Chord D is just D G2 B3

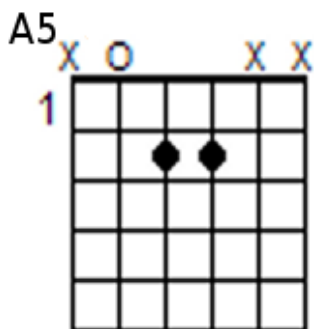


Put your 1st finger on the G string at the 2nd fret and your 2nd finger on the B string at the 3rd fret and strum strings D G & B together as in the photo's above

Congratulations, You Just Played a D Power Chord

Let's Try Another

Power Chord A is just A D2 G2

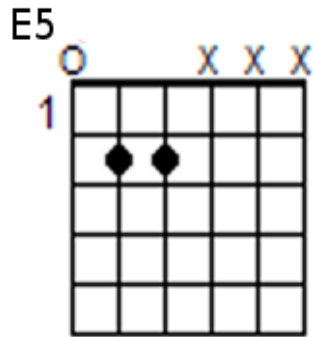


Put your 1st finger on the D string at the 2nd fret and your 2nd finger on the G string at the 2nd fret and then strum strings A D & G together

Congratulations, Now You've Played An A Power Chord

And Now For One More

Power Chord E is just E A2 D2



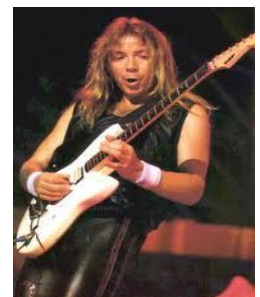
Put your 1st finger on the A string at the 2nd fret and your 2nd finger on the D string at the 2nd fret and strum strings E A & D together

Congratulations, Now You've Played An E Power Chord

See, I Told You It Was Easy

Many Rock riffs just comprise of these 3 simple Power Chords played in different combinations

There are a quite a few more basic chords that are just as easy to master. If you click on the "Monster Power Chords" picture on our website Guitar page you can try some others



This tab is telling you to play A D2 & G2 once
Then a pause followed by the single notes D4 then D2 then D4 then D2 then D4

Then A2 D4 & G4
Followed by D G2 B3
And Finally A D2 G2

See, You Can Do It

Check out the full tabs and all your other favorites at www.ultimateGuitar.com



Getting the timing and rhythm right does take a little practice and can be helped by listening to the song whilst following the tab. Each time you'll notice yourself remembering more and getting better and better. Soon you'll be able to play all your favorite riffs like *Maiden's Run To The Hills*, *Saxon's Dallas 1pm*, *Sabbath's Heaven & Hell*, *Priest's Breaking The Law*, *Scorpion's Rock You Like A Hurricane* and *Motorhead's The Chase Is Better Than The Catch*

Just Print them out, Start practicing and soon you'll have the skill you've always wanted

I Know I've Done It, And It Feels Fantastic

So Now You Know How, Go Pick Your Axe And Start

Living The Dream

